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ITALY (Political)

Subject : Relationships between Italy and Dependencies.
Recall of Governor of Eritrea. Appointment of a
Regent.

Riccardo Astuto, Governor of Eritrea since July, 1930, was recently relieved from that post and replaced by Ottone GABELLI who, however, has not been nominated Governor, being temporarily designated Regent for Eritrea.

Ottone Gabelli was born at Reana del Rojale (near Udine), March 25, 1890. Upon completion of the academic course at the University of Venice and law course at the University of Padova, he obtained employment in the colonial administration.

He became civil commissioner of Misurata (Tripolitania), then commissioner of the township of Tripoli, and then Director of civil and political affairs of Cyrenaica while Attilio Teruzzi was Governor of Cyrenaica. Upon returning to the Ministry of the Colonies he was appointed Chief of Personnel, and later General Director of Eastern African Affairs.

In 1922 he took part with the Fascist Groups of the Ministry which undertook the study of the State Administration reform.

NOTE by the M/A :

The recall of Governor Astuto has not been the subject of laudatory comments usually bestowed by the press upon termination of a successful mission. It may be inferred, from this silence, that the general trend of the situation between Italy and Abyssinia has influenced the recall of ASTUTO.

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REGARDING: Government- Eritrea. Council of Ministers yesterday approved a provision placing Eritrea and Italian Somaliland under a high commissioner for the Colonies of East Africa. Minister of Colonies General de Bono has resigned to take over the post.

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